

Biblical Examples of Consecration

- Priestly Consecration- Exo. 29, Lev. 8
 - Purpose – To minister unto the Lord in the sanctuary.
- **Nazarite Consecration – Num. 6**
 - **Purpose – To separate unto the Lord.**
- Levite Consecration – Num 8
 - Purpose – To do service for the sanctuary.
- Prophetic Consecration – Isa. 6
 - Purpose – To prepare for proclaiming the message of God to Israel. Whom shall I send?
- Christ's Consecration – Gospel of John, Heb. 10
 - Purpose – To do the will of His Father.
- Believer's Consecration – Rom. 12
 - Purpose – To serve God in the good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The setting of the Nazarite consecration in relation to the book of Numbers

- **Preparation – Num. 1 – 10:10**

- Configuration of the people – Num. 1- 4

- Consecration of the people – Num. 5-8

- Num. 5 - Offering of jealousy –unfaithful woman

- **Num. 6 – Nazarite vow, devotion to God– Faithful man or woman**

- Num. 7 12 faithful men brought offerings before God.

- Num. 8 – Levite consecration

- Communication of God's will – Num. 9 10:10

- **Problems – Num. 10:11 – 19**

- **Progress – Num. 20 -36**

Nazarite Consecration- Num. 6 – Key word -**Separation**

- **Characteristics of the Nazarite separation**
 - Voluntary vow
 - Open call to all
 - Can be for a specific time
- **Conditions for the Nazarite vow**
 - No wine - Appetite
 - No Razor - Appearance
 - No contact with dead body - Association
- **Challenges against the Nazarite vow**
 - Defilement by unexpected contact with a dead body
- **Completion of the Nazarite separation**
 - Offering unto the Lord when the days of his separation are fulfilled
- **Compulsion against the Nazarites**

Characteristics of the Nazarite separation

- Voluntary vow - " to separate themselves unto the Lord:"
- Call open to all - "When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite"
- Can be for a specific time - "until the days be fulfilled"
- Col. 3:1-3 -If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those **things which are above**, where **Christ sitteth** on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on **things above**, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and **your life is hid with Christ in God.**"
- Rom. 1:1 -Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, **separated unto** the gospel of God,

Separated from	Separated unto
Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness	and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: Col. 1:13
Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit	perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Cor. 7:1
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin	but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:11
Even when we were dead in sins,	hath quickened us together with Christ Eph. 2:5
But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off	are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. 2:13
For God hath not called us unto uncleanness,	but unto holiness. 1 Thes. 4:7

Conditions for the Nazarite vow - No vine- Appetite

- What is going to give the Nazarite the energy to live for God?
- He or she is giving up something of this world that would give temporal joy so that they be attached to the Lord.
- True Nazarite- Lk. 22:15, 16 -And he said unto them, **With desire I have desired** to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. Matt 26:29 -But I say unto you, **I will not drink** henceforth of this **fruit of the vine**, until that day when drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
- Eph. 5: 18-20 -And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit**; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things **unto God and the Father** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Consecration/separation first (fulfilled) then joy - Num. 6:20b -And after that the Nazarite may drink wine.

Conditions for the Nazarite vow – No razor - Appearance

- 1 Cor. 11:14 -Doth not even **nature** itself teach you, that, if a man have **long hair**, it is a **shame** unto him?
- **Nature**- Eph. 2:3 -Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were **by nature** the children of wrath, even as others.
- Eph. 2:6 -And hath raised us up together, and **made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**:
- 1 Cor 2:14 - 16 -But the **natural man** receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is **spiritual** judgeth all things,..16 but **we have the mind of Christ**.
- Heb:13:12, 13 -**Shame** –Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. 13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, **bearing his reproach**.
- Forsaking the natural and holding on to the spiritual.

Conditions for the Nazarite vow - No contact with dead body – Association

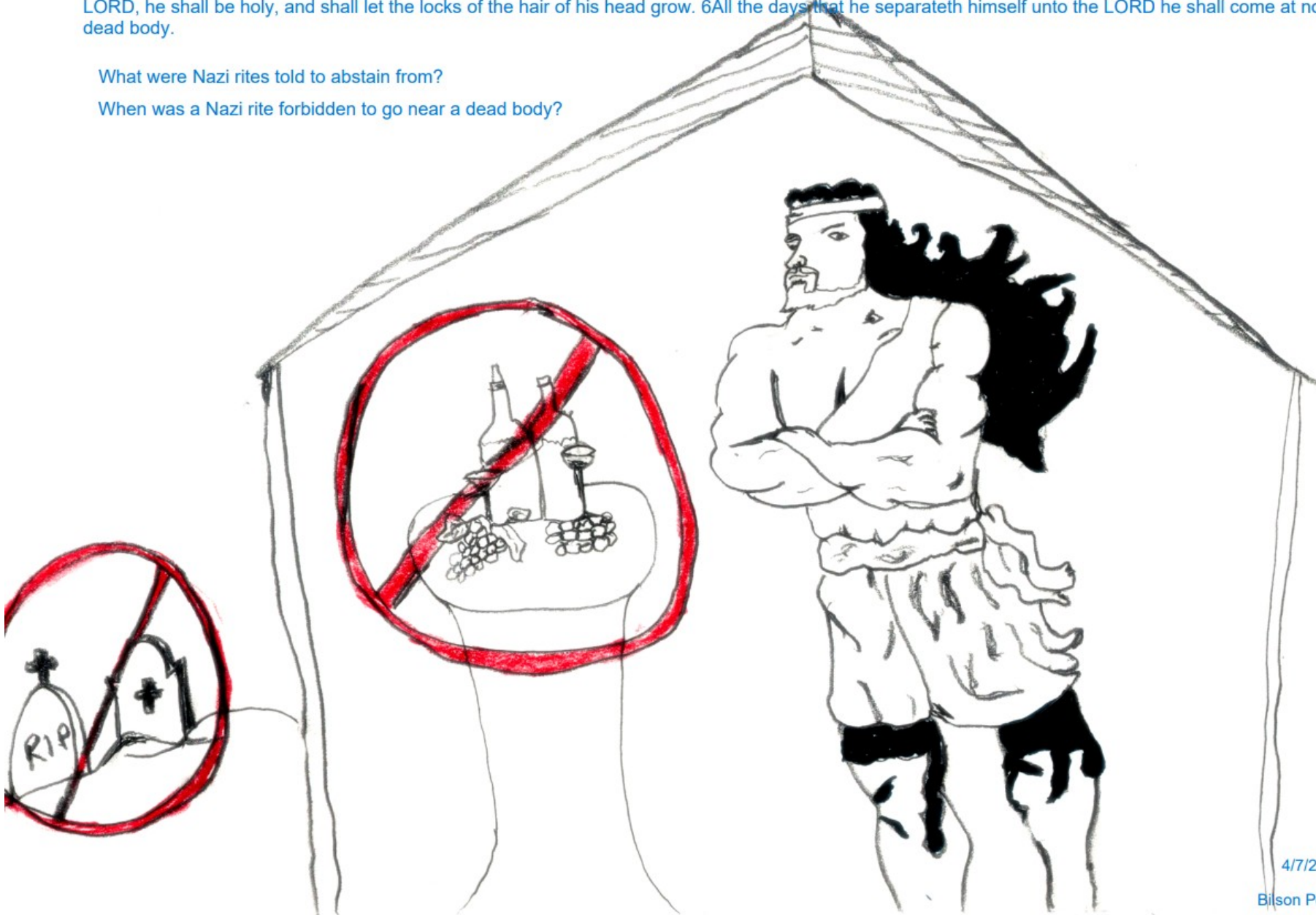
- Earthly relationship
- Luke 14:26, 27 -If any man come to me, and hate not **his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters**, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.
- Luke 9:59-61 -And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, **Let the dead bury their dead:** but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.
- Heb. 9:14 -How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from **dead works** to serve the living God?
- Rom. 6:11 -Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be **dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Numbers 6: 3-6

3He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried. 4All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk. 5All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. 6All the days that he separateth himself unto the LORD he shall come at no dead body.

What were Nazi rites told to abstain from?

When was a Nazi rite forbidden to go near a dead body?



Challenges against the Nazarite vow - Defilement by unexpected contact with a dead body

- Previous period shall be lost due to defilement.
- A believer should live in the full awareness of all that could possibly defile him.
- 2 Cor. 6: 16, 17 -And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.
- 1 John 2: 15- 17 -Love not the **world**, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the **flesh**, and the lust of the eyes, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Offerings - if defiled - 6:10-12	Offerings - when the days of his separation are fulfilled - 6:16-21
Sin offering - 1 turtle or 1 young pigeon(Lev. 5:7)	Sin offering - one ewe lamb
Burnt offering - 1 turtle or 1 young pigeons (Lev. 5:7)	Burnt offering - He lamb of the first year
Trespass offering - a Lamb of the first year	No trespass offering required
	Peace offering - One ram with the basket of unleavened bread. Shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.
	Meat offering -a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings.
	And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite.
	And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD: this is holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder:
	Beside that that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation. Num. 6:21

Compulsion against the Nazarites

- Amos 2:11-12 -“And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the Lord. 12 **But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink;** and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.”
- Phil. 3:17-19 -Brethren, **be followers together of me**, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are **the enemies of the cross of Christ:** 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their **belly**, and whose glory is in their **shame**, who mind **earthly things.**)